Graduate and Professional Students Association
Graduate Assembly Meeting
Twelfth Legislature—Seventh Regular Session
2:00 P.M. March 20, 2015
Wrigley Hall L01-04—Arizona State University, Tempe Campus

Present:
Daniel Burillo, Kerem Demirtas, Irfan Kula, Rohan Shah, Tara Salehpour, Lusia Nurani, Katherine Brown, Owen McKenna, Bobby Abdallah, Yanqin Liu, Emily McIvor, Anna Montana Cirell, Chun Tao, Rajat Aggarwal, Ashley Laverty, Jessie Green, Mustafa Demir, German Cadenas, Kerrie Wilkins, Pauline Venieris

New Member Candidates:
None

By Proxy:
Hilary Charles (Josh Huggins), Sultan Kilinc (Kerrie Wilkins), Christian Sandoval (Pauline Venieris), Bryson Jones (Arial Davis), Michael Bernstein (Mukunth Natarajan)

Absent:
Yashwanth Nanda Kumar, Yashu Chen, Jillian Childress, Andrew Waldron, Evelyn Baca, David Bakardjieiv, Peter Krehbiel, Jordan Hibbs, Greg May, Jesus Cisneros,

Minutes

I. Call to Order
   a. Called to order at 2:17pm

II. Approval of the Minutes
   a. February minutes motion to approve by Abdalla; seconded by Mcenna; motion was approved

III. Amendments to the Agenda
   a. None

IV. Call to the Audience
   a. None

V. Executive reports
   a. GPSA Assembly President report by Assembly Pro Tempore Emily McIvor
   b. GPSA President report by German Cadenas
   c. Internal Affairs report by Kerrie Wilkins
   d. Professional Development report by Pauline Venieris
   e. External Affairs report by Emily McIvor

VI. USG Report
   a. None

VII. Thunderbird welcome
   a. Student Representatives: Tion Bamaby, Sabah Hussain, Nicolas Del Granado
   b. International school
   c. The student government has not always been called that
   d. Has always included student advocacy, student organization support, and student events

VIII. Committee Reports
   a. Gov ops
      i. Making progress on Supreme Court; expect a bill at next assembly meeting
b. Assembly Operations: Emily
   i. First time reaching our budget
   ii. Considering changes that could make processing clearer by semester and organization

c. International Student Affairs: German Cadenas
   i. Created first international student concerns committee

d. CLAS Committee: Bobby Abdallah
   i. Collecting data for new CLAS programs

IX. Old Business
   a. None

X. New Business
   a. AB 24 – Director Language
      i. Brown: campus directors moving from 4 to 2?
      ii. McIvor: explain that this is better for workload
      iii. Cadenas: suggests 4 directors
      iv. Brown: suggests we table this bill until Andy can present and explain
      v. Venieres: explains
      vi. Motion to delay bill until next meeting (Cirell, Charles)
         1. Motion passes verbally

   b. AB 25 – GSO Funding
      i. Questions and clarifications of process:
         1. Funding amounts are pre-approved for reimbursement
         2. Receipts are due 14 days after the event
      ii. Bill is written with full funding and 75% funding option
      iii. We have ~$9k funds left
      iv. Rumors are that GPSA is out of funding, concern about groups applying for funding in April
      v. Summer events tend to be very low
      vi. We do have room in other places in the budget, so there’s no need to penalize groups with plans, we can take funds from other organizations
      vii. Concerns raised about consistency of 75% cut concept throughout the year
      viii. Cadenas: the remainder will be funded from other parts of the organization
   x. Call the question at 100% (McKenna, Brown)
      1. Vote passes

   c. AB 26 – Language Updates
      i. Call the question (Salehpour, Green)
         1. Bill passes

   d. AB 27 – Proxy bill
      i. Venieres: suggests removing Executives & Directors
      ii. Tao: suggests Directors okay because they’re not required, but also that representative should be required to be from the same college
      iii. McKenna suggests that those are two separate issues
      iv. Jones argues proxy should be from same school
      v. Lou: concern that person may be unfamiliar with proceedings
      vi. Cirell: concern about not meeting quorum
      vii. General discussion of representation and language
      viii. Revised language to limit to same school and no officers or directors
      ix. Call the vote to amend the bill: (Salehpour, McKenna)
         1. Vote passes
      x. Call the question: (Salehpour, McKenna)

XI. Graduate Student Forum
a. None

XII. Announcements
   a. Rajat Aggarwal shares updates from photography contest, badminton league, indoor soccer
   b. Wilkins: Thursdays 6 – 7:30pm at GSP is tea time event for
   c. Cadenes: Title IX training, please send feedback to execs
   d. Venieres: See the Uncheck Yourself Facebook page “I am ____, but I am not ____”

XIII. Adjournment
   a. 4:25 pm